

**Morning Worship**  
**October 25, 2009**  
**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reformation Sunday**

**Coming Together in Christ**

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Peace Prelude* Annette Sims  
The JoyBells

INTROIT *May the Words* Janowski  
May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord my Rock,  
my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty!* "Nicea"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH Katie Jan

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord God, by the authority of scripture, we learn that we are the body of Christ...yes, even we who worship in different ways, even we whose understanding of you is so changeable, even we who, in our low moments, make an idol of our insignificance. We are your body, we are told. Then, Lord, make us like you that our souls may be the stained glass through which your light and purpose bring beauty into the world. Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #574, The Hymnal

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
THE DECLARATION OF PARDON John Dillon

\* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#579, The Hymnal

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship

## Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

CONFIRMATION

Melissa Courtney, Colum Dillon, Katie Jan and Alex Wodaski

\* SONG

*Praise, I Will Praise the Lord*

**#48, Lift Up Your Hearts**  
Claude Fraysse

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:26-29

Melissa Courtney

SECOND LESSON

John 7:25-30

Alex Wodaski

THE ANTHEM

*Set Me As A Seal*

Rene Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

THE SERMON

"Energizing Memories & Radical Hopes"

Rev. John Dillon

## Our Response to God's Love

\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**My only comfort is that I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil. That he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**  
—Section 4.001, *The Heidelberg Catechism*, 1563

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Colum Dillon

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

CHORAL AMEN

*Seven-Fold Amen*

John Rutter

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Water is Wide*  
*The JoyBells*

"O Waly, Waly"  
arr. Dan R. Edwards

\* THE DOXOLOGY

**#114 Lift Up Your Hearts**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* THE HYMN OF PARTING #525

*Here I Am, Lord*

"Here I Am, Lord"

\* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\* SUNG BENEDICTION

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

"Randolph"

(We will not be holding hands during flu season)

**God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

## **Going Forth in God's Love**

\* THE POSTLUDE

*Piece Heroique*

Cesar Franck

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\* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

## Music Notes

We welcome the JoyBells for the first time this fall as they play an arrangement of an English folk melody, O Waly Waly, first collected and published by Cecil Sharp (1859-1924). He was the most important of the English folk song collectors, having gathered 4,977 tunes. His work led to a renewed interest in English art music and gave impetus to composers of the day, including Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Anthem this morning is a paraphrase of the Song of Solomon 8:6 by Rene Clausen, (born 1953) an American composer, conductor of The Concordia Choir at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and founder of the René Clausen Choral School. "Set Me As A Seal" is a movement from his first major cantata, "A New Creation," and exhibits beautiful close harmony while breaking into as many as six choral parts.

We welcome Britany Poindexter, a sophomore at Frostburg State University, as she joins the Sanctuary Choir this morning.

## About the Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

Continuing our exploration of the Confessions, in October we will be using the *Heidelberg Catechism*.

The *Heidelberg Catechism* is both ecumenical and deeply personal. It became the doctrinal standard for Reformed churches in Holland, Germany and Hungary. Dutch explorers brought it with them to Manhattan Island in 1609, thus making it the first Reformed confession in the North American colonies. Its continuing influence can be seen in the opening line of *A Brief Statement of Faith*, adopted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1991 after the reunion of 1983: "In life and in death we belong to God."

## Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

## Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.



## What's Happening This Week:

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER (25)

9:15 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 AM	Confirmation Class in Pastor's Office
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Confirmation, Moment for Mission, JoyBells, On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM	Trick or Trunk Pizza Get Together
5:30 PM	Trick or Trunk in the Church Parking Lot

### MONDAY, OCTOBER (26)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
10:00 AM	Pastor's Book Study in the Parlor
12:30 PM	Office Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER (27)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
6:30 PM	Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Westside School

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (28)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
6:15 PM	JoyBells Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Cresaptown
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM	Jr. High Basketball Practice at Cresaptown
8:15 PM	Sr. High Basketball Practice at Cresaptown

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER (29)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER (30)

	Church Office Closed
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
3:00 PM	

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER (31)

10:00 AM	W. MD Pastors & Clerks Meeting at FPC
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### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (1)

#### Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:15 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM	Worship Service, All Saint's Day, Communion, Consecration Sunday, On the Air WCBC
6:00 PM	GAFOSAC Youth Meeting